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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: BLANCA HAYDEE
ALTMANN, LAURA IRENE DORFMAN, AND ROSANA
JUDITH SZAFAERSTEIN

THE HONORABLE ANTHONY C. BEILENSEN
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. DEAR MR. BEILESEN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INQUIRY OF NOV 9, 1981, CONCERNING
THE IMPRISONMENT IN ARGENTINA OF MS. BLANCA HAYDEE ALTMANN,
MS. LAURA IRENE DORFMAN AND MS. ROSANA JUDITH SZAFAERSTEIN.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN AWARE OF THE SITUATION OF THESE
WOMEN FOR SOME TIME. EACH REPORTEDLY WAS SEIZED BY ARMED
MEN: ALTMANN IN JULY 1977; SZAFAERSTEIN IN OCT 1977;
AND DORFMAN IN MAY 1978. THEIR FAMILIES STATED THAT THEY
NEVER SAW THEM AGAIN. AFTER LEARNING OF THEIR
SITUATIONS, THE EMBASSY MADE SEPARATE INQUIRIES TO THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING EACH WOMEN'S WELFARE
AND WHEREABOUTS. IN EACH CASE, THE FOREIGN OFFICE REPLIED
THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAD NO RECORD OF THEIR
DETENTION NOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR
WHEREABOUTS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, UNFORTUNATELY,
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WE MUST REGARD THESE WOMEN AS BEING AMONG THE

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Margaret P. Grafield, Director
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DISAPPEARED.

3. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE EMBASSY WILL REMAIN
ALERT TO ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BECOME
AVAILABLE ABOUT THEM AND WILL NOTIFY YOU OF ANY
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

4. SINCERELY YOURS, HARRY W. SHLAUDEMAM, AMBASSADOR.
SHLAUDEMAM

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